GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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DISABILITY ACT, 1995
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA;RUDRAGOUDA PATIL

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that even after six years of passing the Disability Act, 1995, Eleven States and Union Territories are yet to appoint the State Coordination Committee (SCC) or the State executive Committee;

(b) if so, whether most of the States have appointed only a part time State Commissioner while some have not filled up the post;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the remedial steps taken by the Union Government in this matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) The State Coordination Committee (SCC) is required to be constituted only in theStates as per the provisions of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities,Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995. So far, twenty five Stateshave constituted such Committees.

(b) to (d) While all States have appointed State Commissioners for persons withdisabilities, nine States have made such appointment on full time basis. The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment as also the Office of the ChiefCommissioner for persons with disabilities are pursuing with the State Governments for making such appointment on full time basis.